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U.S.-Mexico Border Energy Forum draws record crowds

Interest in Mexican energy reform hot at Monterrey meeting

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AUSTIN — The Texas General Land Office's 21st Border Energy Forum opened in Monterrey today to a standing-room only crowd.

"There's a lot of excitement about Mexican energy reform right now," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "Texas oil and gas companies will benefit from new opportunities in Mexico and Mexico will earn billions from increased production in the Eagle Ford shale formation that extends into Mexico."

The annual conference between policy-makers and top corporate executives is sold-out and runs through Friday. The Border Energy Forum is a collaborative effort among the 10 border states along the U.S. and Mexico border. The original idea for the Forum was to gather 50 people each from the United States and Mexico once a year to exchange information about the best ways to produce and consume energy in our fast-growing region, forge new partnerships and help each other work together on our twin goals of economic development and environmental protection.

The Forum has now grown to more than 430 registrants this year, evenly divided between Americans and Mexicans, and has become a cornerstone of energy policy and program development for the region.

"Texas and Mexico are intertwined as it relates to hydrocarbon energy and electricity. As Mexico opens up to private investment and begins to increase oil and gas production, there will be more jobs in Mexico," Patterson said. "That helps address the border issues of immigration and security."

In October, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas bought electricity generated in northern Mexico to avoid rolling blackouts in South Texas because of transmission line problems, Patterson noted.

The Forum alternates each year between U.S. and Mexican cities along the border. Last year's forum was held in San Antonio. The Forum has met at least once in each of the 10 U.S. and Mexican border states. The Land Office coordinates the forum in collaboration with many public- and private-sector organizations. The forum is a non-

profit event made possible through sponsorships and grants. For more information, please visit www.borderenergyforum.org.

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